

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA**

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STRENGTHENING OF SSI
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Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a): whether the Small scale Industries have not been able to sustain themselves in foreign markets due to fierce competition; and
- (b): if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken to strengthen them?

Answer

MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES & AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

(a)&(b): The Small Scale Industries(SSIs) continue to contribute around 34% of the current exports from the country, which indicated their competitiveness in the foreign markets. The government has taken several steps to strengthen the SSI sector and to encourage in exports. These includes scheme for assistance on acquiring ISO 9000 certificate, quality awards, export related Entrepreneurship Development Programmes and subsidizing participation in international fairs/exhibitions. Besides it, steps also have been taken to ensure easier access to credit, collateral free composite loans upto Rs. 25 lakhs, capital subsidy for technology upgradation, improved infrastructure and individual assistance for participation in overseas fairs, study tours and production of overseas publicity materials under SSI-MDA Scheme.